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SUB: VISIT OF GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO GHANA

1. FRG FOREIGN MINISTER DIETRICH GENSCHER VISITED GHANA JULY 2-4. PRINCIPAL EVENT OF A CROWDED SCHEDULE WAS THE SIGNING OF A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM GERMANY TO GHANA OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. THE INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE CEDIS 51 MILLION FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND CEDIS 19 MILLION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. (ONE CEDI EQUALS APPROXIMATELY US 87 CENTS). ADVANCES CARRY A TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM, WITH PAYMENT OVER THIRTY YEARS AT TWO PERCENT. NO SPECIFIC PROJECTS HAVE YET BEEN IDENTIFIED. (WEST GERMANY IS CURRENTLY ASSISTING IN A NUMBER OF AGRICULTURE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEMES.)

2. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT WAS FRAMED LARGE IN GENERAL TERMS; (1) COOPERATION IN SECURING FREEDOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, (2) WORKING TOGETHER AT UNGA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL SESSION, AND (3) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOME AGREEMENT.

3. GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE HERE HAVE INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THEY WERE PLEASED WITH RECEPTION TO GENSCHER AND THAT PROTOCOL ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED AMID WIDE PUBLICITY. GHANAIAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT WERE EXCELLENT. GENSCHER TRAVELED BRIEFLY TO SITES OF GERMAN PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY AND WAS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS. HE WAS GIVEN STATE RECEPTION AND DINNER BY COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BAAH, WHO IN HIS TOAST SAID ALL THE RIGHT THINGS FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW.

4. WE WOULD AGREE WITH GERMAN ASSESSMENT THAT VISIT WAS SUCCESS AND THAT PUBLICITY GIVEN WAS HELPFUL TO GERMANS.

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